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JOHN HUBBARD GOODELL.

1844--1918.

Following a serious illness of about a week, Dr. J. H. Goodell, resident of LaSalle county for fifty-four years and of Marseilles for forty-three, died at his home on East Bluff street, Marseilles, at 5.50 o'clock Saturday evening, Jan. 12, 1918. A sickness that proved quite severe in August had left his constitution weakened and a week before his death he was compelled to give up his work and summon a physician to his home, a complication of ailments causing him to grow steadily weaker until the end came.

His long time residence in Marseilles had made him known to practically all who have lived there for any length of time. He was particularly prominent in Masonic circles, having been a Mason for about forty years and being a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Illinois. He first became a member of the Masonic lodge at Leland, Ill., and became affiliated with Marseilles lodge, A. F. & A. M., April 11, 1885. He has held numerous offices in this lodge, including that of secretary for several years and of worshipful master, filling the latter position about three years ago. He was a member of Shabbona Chapter, No. 37, Royal Arch Masons, of Ottawa, and in 1915 was its high priest. He joined Ottawa Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, Mar. 2, 1911, and held the position of prelate from 1912 to 1916. In 1917 he became a member of the Marseilles Order of Eastern Star. He was also a member of the local Woodman camp.

He was a great reader and possessed a wonderful memory, especially in regard to historical matters, in which he took strong interest. Many of his spare hours during recent years had been devoted to the compiling of the history of Starved Rock and he had finished the writing of a very complete book upon this subject which he expected soon to have published. His wide knowledge of a varied nature, together with his many years of life spent in this city; made him one who was often in demand as a speaker at local gatherings. He was an active member of the Illinois State Historical Society.

He was a deacon of the Universalist church at the time of his death and had held at various times different positions in it, including those of trustee, moderator, chorister, and others. He was especially well versed in music.

In his political affiliations he was a Republican. In civic life he stood for the best moral advancement of the community, being a strong advocate of temperance.

John Hubbard Goodell was born in Homer, Courtland county, N. Y., September 9, 1844. He received his early schooling in the Courtland academy at that place. His mother died when he was about seventeen years old and he came to LaSalle county in 1863 with his father, Silas Goodell, who settled on a farm in Freedom township. Having worked in a wholesale drug store at Syracuse, N. Y., for a short time before leaving the east, he again took up similar work soon after coming to Illinois in the drug store of Dr. Brown, of Leland.

He then took up the study of medicine, attending first the Ann Arbor, Mich., preparatory school and later Rush Medical college, graduating from the latter Feb. 5, 1868. He first practiced medicine in a town in northern Illinois, then at Leland, and later at Logansport, Indiana. Coming to Marseilles to follow his profession, he was married immediately afterwards to Miss Clara J. Simmons, in 1874.

Some years later, owing to the irregular hours of the physician's life telling too greatly on his health, Dr. Goodell gave up his practice and started in the work in which he has since been engaged, that of conducting a model works and repair shop. He proved especially capable in the making of working models. In 1915 the wooden building in which his shop had so long been located was torn down and he built in its place a fine modern structure, of which he retained the second story for his shop. Nearly twenty years ago he took his son Ernest into partnership with him and, though the latter has been in recent years employed in Chicago, the firm has continued as Goodell & Son to this date.

Dr. Goodell is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter, Ernest and Walter Goodell, of Chicago; and Mrs. Herman Chase, of Polo, Ill. One sister, Miss Sarah Goodell, of this city, and a step-sister, Miss Carrie Harris, of Chicago, also survive.

The funeral was held at the Universalist church.